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# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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| Ser. No.: 10/719,961 | Filed: November 21, 2003  | Examiner: Brian J. Sines |
| Art Unit: 1743       | Title: <b>METHOD FOR HIGH-THROUGHPUT SCREENING ASSAY<br/>SAMPLE PREPARATION</b> |                          |

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

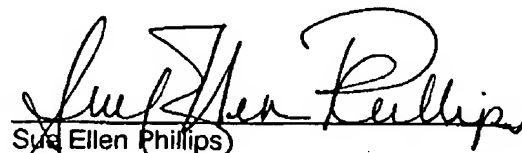
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED |  |       |                                       |                                |       |                 |
|-------------------|--|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
|                   | Claims<br>remaining after<br>amendment |       | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid For | No. of Extra<br>Claims Present | Rate  | Additional Rate |
| Total Claims      | 30                                     | Minus | 30                                    | 0                              | X 50  | \$0.00          |
| Indep. Claims     | 3                                      | Minus | 3                                     | 0                              | X 200 | \$0.00          |
| TOTAL             |  |       |                                       |                                | =     | \$0.00          |

☒ No additional claim fees are believed due. However, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees to Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 29, 2007  
Date

  
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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

INVENTORS : Richard H. Bruce, et al.  
TITLE : METHOD FOR HIGH-THROUGHPUT  
SCREENING ASSAY SAMPLE  
PREPARATION  
APPLICATION NO. : 10/719,961  
FILED : November 21, 2003  
CONFIRMATION NO. : 3572  
EXAMINER : Brian J Sines  
ART UNIT : 1743  
LAST OFFICE ACTION : February 26, 2007  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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